

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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New Housekeeping Wing
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to create a new wing for housekeeping in the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this will improve cleanliness onboard trains and stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to create one new wing for keeping stations and trains clean, Ministry of Railways had directed Zonal Railways in August, 2015 to set up exclusive Environment and Housekeeping (EnHM) Wings at each Zonal Railway and Division. To start with, three Zonal Railways viz. Northern, Southern and South Central Railways were directed to implement this by setting up EnHM Wings in a Division in each Railway. Same has been done. Now, the process is underway to form EnHM Wings in the other Zonal Railways.

(c) & (d) This new wing is mandated to undertake Integrated Housekeeping functions as a specialised activity in coaching trains, major railway stations and Coach Maintenance Depots by infusion of professional agencies and latest cleaning practices.
